

WASHINGTON, DC - Today Congressman Rob Wittman joined 136 other House members to vote in favor of an alternative federal budget resolution to the proposed majority plan which would reign in spending, balance the budget, and place America on a path to fiscal responsibility.

“In considering this resolution I asked myself, ‘does the family that lost their source of income or saw their pay cut this year get to spend more than they have?’, clearly the answer is ‘no’ and our government should share their restraint when it comes to spending,” said Wittman.

“It deeply concerns me that this budget will be slapping more taxes on small business owners which are the incubators of 70% of our nation's new jobs at a time when Americans are facing the largest unemployment rates in several decades,” said Wittman.

“Today I supported an alternative budget that would have given priority to national defense and veteran's healthcare and would have frozen all other funding for five years. We need to get our arms around where our tax dollars are heading and evaluate a balanced, common sense approach to where they should be directed in the days ahead without adding to our massive debt burden,” added Wittman.

The budget resolution passed by the House (233-196) raises taxes on American families by \$3,128 per year, costs charities nearly \$9 billion per year in contributions, and squeezes small businesses, which are the largest job creators at a time when the country is experiencing record rates of unemployment. The alternative budget supported by Wittman focuses on ending our dependence on foreign oil, repealing capital gains taxes crucial for economic investment, and making health care affordable, portable, and accessible to all Americans.

[See Additional Commentary From Congressman Wittman via YouTube](#)

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He was elected to his first full term in November 2008 and serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations

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